

been incorporated into Claim 1 and Claim 3 has been amended to now depend from Claim 1.

Claim 13 has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion.

Claim 14 has been canceled while Claims 17 and 18 have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions.

Accordingly, those claims are no longer objectionable.

Concerning the rejection on the merits, independent Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Swoyer 5,683,445. Claim 2, which depended from Claim 1, was found to be allowable. To render Claim 1 allowable, the limitations of dependent Claim 2 have been incorporated therein, with Claim 2 now being canceled. In that all of the claims remaining in the application depend either directly or indirectly from allowable Claim 1, those dependent claims should now also be allowed.

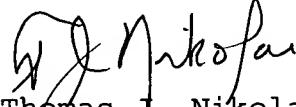
In that all of the claims remaining in the application are now believed to be in condition for allowance, applicants' submit herewith the formal drawings for review and consideration by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicants' attorney has reviewed the references set out in paragraph 11 of the Official Action and agrees with the Examiner that independent Claim 1 is patentable thereover.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Amendment in response to the Official Action of February 1, 1999 in application Serial No. 09/027,821 of inventor(s), Stuart R. Chastain, filed February 23, 1998, for "INTRAVENOUS CARDIAC LEAD WITH POSITIVE FIXATION SEGMENT" is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Box Non-Fee Amendments, Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on February 11, 1999.